

House File 476 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the state building code commissioner to adopt
2 statewide requirements and standards for radon control in
3 residential construction and making penalties applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 103A.8D Residential construction
2 requirements and standards for radon control.

3 The state building code commissioner shall adopt as a part
4 of the state building code construction requirements and
5 standards for radon control in new residential construction.
6 The requirements and standards adopted by the commissioner
7 shall, if possible, be based upon a nationally recognized
8 standard or code for radon control in residential construction.
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the
10 contrary, the construction requirements and standards for radon
11 control adopted by the commissioner and approved by the council
12 shall apply to new residential construction commenced on or
13 after January 1, 2017, and shall supersede and replace any
14 minimum requirements and standards for radon control in new
15 residential construction adopted or enacted by a governmental
16 subdivision prior to that date. The state building code
17 commissioner may provide training to builders, contractors, and
18 other interested persons on the construction requirements and
19 standards for radon control in residential construction.

20 Sec. 2. Section 103A.10, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
21 following new subsection:

22 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of
23 this chapter to the contrary, the construction requirements and
24 standards for radon control in new residential construction
25 adopted by the commissioner and approved by the council shall
26 apply to all new residential construction commenced on or after
27 January 1, 2017, and shall supersede and replace any minimum
28 requirements or standards for radon control in new residential
29 construction adopted or enacted by the governmental subdivision
30 prior to that date.

31	EXPLANATION
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32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill requires that the building code commissioner,
35 with the approval of the building code advisory council, adopt

1 requirements and standards for radon control in new residential
2 construction. The bill provides that the standards shall
3 supersede and replace any minimum radon control requirements
4 and standards for new residential construction adopted by
5 governmental subdivisions in Iowa. The bill requires that the
6 requirements and standards be mandatory for all new residential
7 construction beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

8 The bill makes penalties related to failure to comply
9 with certain orders applicable under Code section 103A.19,
10 subsection 2, paragraph "c", to the radon control requirements
11 and standards. A knowing violation of the state building code
12 or a lawful order is considered a simple misdemeanor under
13 Code section 103A.21. A simple misdemeanor is punishable by
14 confinement for no more than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65
15 but not more than \$625 or by both.